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Ref. 10/072,416, Art Unit 1615

Dear Mr. Azpuru

Please find the attached request for an extension of time to reply on above referenced application

Yours sincerely

V. Sahadevan

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Ref. 10/072,4416, Art Unit 1615

Dear Mr. Azpuru

The shortened statutory period of 3 months for reply to your office action on above referenced application is to expire today, December 24th. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend to reply on the items you have asked for in your Office Action Summary. May I request for your kind consideration for extension under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

I tried to reach you over the phone and learned that you are away. I left messages for Mr. Thurman K. Page. The above extension will help. I thank you for your kind help and wish you a Happy Holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. V. Sahadevan